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SUBJECT: FURTHER REACTION TO KARIUKI SLAYING

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1. KARIUKI SLAYING REMAINS TOP NEWS ITEM IN TANZANIA, WITH STRESS ON INSINUATIONS THAT KENYATTA AND KENYAN GOVERNMENT INVOLVED. THUS, REPORT OF ESTABLISHMENT OF SELECT COMMITTEE IN PARLIAMENT IN DAILY NEWS MARCH 15 NOTES THAT "MOST OF THE ANGRY MPS LEVELED THINLY-VEILED CHARGES THAT THE KENYAN GOVERNMENT'S OWN SECURITY FORCES MURDERED THEIR FELLOW MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT." REPORT OF FUNERAL MARCH 17 STATES THAT KENYAN GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE AT RITE, PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER SIMON NYACHAE, WAS SHOUTED DOWN WHEN HE TRIED TO READ KENYATTA'S MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE, AND HAD TO DESIST.

2. SWAHILI-LANGUAGE UHURU PUBLISHED LONG BACKGROUND ARTICLE MARCH 15, STATING AMONG OTHER THINGS THAT KARIUKI HAD TOLD REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT MICHAEL MALIK, IN INTERVIEW AT
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NAIROBI HILTON JUST BEFORE HE DISAPPEARED, THAT KENYAN GOVERNMENT HAD PROHIBITED CONTINUATION OF HIS ELECTION

CAMPAIGN, CLAIMING THAT HIS FIRST ELECTION SPEECH DURING THE CAMPAIGN HAD CONTAINED THE SEED OF "HARMING STATE SECURITY". HE HAD, THEREFORE, PUBLISHED A PAMPHLET DENOUNCING THE BIG SHOTS WHO HAD SEIZED THE WHOLE ECONOMY IN ORDER TO EXPLOIT THE COMMON MAN. "IT IS UNJUST FOR A FEW MEN WITH RANK, OPPORTUNITY, AND POWER TO USE THESE OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE PROFITS FROM THE WEALTH OF THE WHOLE COUNTRY AND MAKE AWAY WITH MONEY, REAL ESTATE, BIG BUSINESS AND THOUSANDS OF ACRES OF LAND. IT IS NOT RIGHT FOR A MAN TO REGISTER ONE HOME IN HIS NAME, A SECOND IN THE NAME OF HIS WIFE, AND ANOTHER IN THE NAME OF HIS CHILD." PAMPHLET SAID THAT ECONOMY BEFORE INDEPENDENCE HAD BEEN IN HANDS OF INDIANS AND WHITES, AND THE ONLY CHANGE NOW WAS "THE REMOVAL OF SMITH AND THE PUTTING IN OF KAMAU TO CONTINUE EXPLOITATION; THE REMOVAL OF PATEL AND THE PUTTING IN OF ONDONGO, OR THE ROOTING OUT OF SINGH AND THE PUTTING IN OF KARONA."

3. ON MARCH 17, IN CONNECTION WITH FUNERAL STORY, UHURU SAYS KARIUKI'S WIDOW DISCOVERED HIS CORPSE IN THE MORGUE WHERE IT HIDDEN BY GAINING ENTRANCE UNDER PRETENSE THAT SHE A RELATIVE OF ONE OF VICTIMS OF BUS-BOMB BLAST WHO WISHED TO IDENTIFY BODY.

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4. WE HAVE ALSO HEARD THAT A CLOSE RECENT ASSOCIATE OF KARIUKI, NOW IN TANZANIA, CLAIMS KARIUKI HAD BEEN ON VERGE OF PUBLIC EXPOSE OF KENYATTA'S ALLEGED TAKEOVER, THROUGH HIS WIFE, OF MUCH OF KENYA'S NATIONAL WEALTH.

5. COMMENT: TANGOV UNDOUBTEDLY ENJOYING KENYATTA GOVERNMENT'S DISCOMFORTURE, AND EXPOSURE INCIDENT IS GIVING TO OPINIONS OF KENYAN OPPOSITIONISTS MORE SYMPATHETIC TO TANZANIAN SOCIALIST VIEWS. WE DOUBT, HOWEVER, THAT TANGOV WOULD WANT SERIOUS BREAKDOWN OF ORDER IN KENYAN BODY POLITIC, FOR FEAR OF WIDER REPERCUSSIONS; IT IS, THEREFORE, LIKELY TO LIMIT ITSELF TO JUDICIOUS GLOATING FROM THE SIDELINES.

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